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News Notes

ACTING Superintendent of Schools Benjamin Henley has announced the establishment of a fund to assist the family of Tyrone Perry, the 15-year-old Hine student who was killed in a gun incident Jan. 5. Contributions should be addressed to the Tyrone Perry Memorial Fund % Office of the Superintendent D. C. Public Schools, Presidential Building, Room 1205, 415 12th St. NW, Washington DC 20004.

FORMER Capitol East resident Bryant Harris and his wife Ruth Bates Harris (ex-director of the DC Human Relations Commission) were burned out of their SE Washington home by a blaze that started about four o'clock in the morning. No one was hurt in the blaze.

PRIDE Inc. is working under a Labor Dept. grant to help repair and clean the Hopkins Dwellings, 1430 L SE. Some 30 youths have been involved in the job training project which is operating out of the SE public housing development. City Councilman Sterling Tucker and newsmen visited the project last month.

EIGHT-year-old Tony Burke, 1352 Independence SE, accidentally shot himself in the left hand while showing another 8-year-old a gun from his father's dresser drawer. Both youths attend Bryan School.

TWO children were killed last month in a fire at 1226 Carrolsburg Place., SW.

NEW staff members at Friendship House include Donald G. Murray, Jr., who has been named associate director. Murray has a background in social work and community organization.

Marvin Clark has been named the new program coordinator at Potomac Gardens where he is aided by new staffer Brenda Grasty.

In a surprising development that we learned about at deadline time, Herman Kitchens, a community specialist who has been one of the spark-plugs of the citywide rent strike, has lost his job at Friendship House. We understand that he will fight the dismissal.

LONG-SIMMERING racial problems at the old 9th Precinct broke into the open again last month as a group of 20 black officers met with Inspector Robert Shuttleworth to protest the treatment accorded them. Principal complaints:

- The continued refusal of some white policemen to ride in two-man scout cars with black officers.
- The assignment of the black officer to foot patrol when this happens.
- The assignment of certain beats to white officers only.

Such practices are in direct conflict with the orders of Commissioner Washington that all beats be integrated to "the maximum extent possible."

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Food co-op opens at Capper Housing

DC's first Martin Luther King Co-op Food Store opened last month at the Arthur Capper Community Recreation Center, 5th & K SE. Two members of the City Council -- Polly Shackleton and Stan Anderson -- were on hand for the occasion as was Mrs. Beatrice Gray, the Friendship House worker who was chief organizer of the project.

Residents of Capper have long suffered from a lack of a convenient grocery store in their neighborhood. The store grew out of 18 months of success in running a food-buying club, also organized by Mrs. Gray.

Many groups and institutions helped in the project which hopefully will be just the first of such ventures in the city. Legal assistance was provided by the Urban Law Institute. Cecchi and Company served as management consultants.

Giant and Safeway donated much of the equipment. Greenbelt Consumer Services gave supplies and merchandising advice. Georgetown Presbyterian Church and University Park Church of the Brethren, of Hyattsville, provided most of the capital, at little or no interest. Black Markets, Inc., provided assistance and \$500. The Community Development Foundation donated \$1,000.

The King Co-op's manager, Raymond Sadler, announced that the store will carry some 800 items, priced competitively with those of most nearby stores. In addition to convenience and good service, the co-op will emphasize the best consumer values, both in advertising and by signs on its shelves.

M. Loeb Company, of Landover, and Greenway, Inc., of Beltsville, will supply the new store with groceries and perishables.



PHOTO BY ROLAND FREEMAN

The store is run by Arthur Capper Consumer Federation, Inc., which will also launch a large program to educate consumers. Its seven-member board of directors, chaired by Mrs. Marie Nolan, hopes to make the King Co-op Food Store a model for all National Capitol Housing Authority projects.

Other members of the board are: Mrs. Annie B. Jewell, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Addie May Harper, Treasurer; Mrs. Parline Cole, Assistant Treasurer; Mrs. Sandra Hester, Secretary; Mrs. Barbara Wilson, Assistant Secretary; and Nathaniel Graham.

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News from the 5th Police District

The Fifth Police District, which includes the old 9th Precinct, has announced the formation of a citizens advisory council, which is open to "any persons having a place of residence or employment within the district, who may be recommended by the Membership Committee, and elected to membership by a majority vote at a regular meeting of the Council."

The announcement of the creation of the council lists four major objectives:

To plan and to implement programs to develop neighborhood awareness, neighborhood cohesiveness, and neighborhood responsibility for crime problems among citizens of the city.

To support and to insist upon the highest police standards of service and efficiency.

To conduct a continuing survey of community needs which affect enforcement of law and the maintenance of peace in the community; to publicize these needs as they are discovered, and to transmit them to appropriate agencies and authorities for action.

To implement within each district the objectives and programs of the Advisory Council on Police-Community Relations to the Chief of Police. (The creation of a new Advisory Council to the Chief of Police is anticipated in the near future).

The council is being organized by Lt. Bertell M. Jefferson, community relations officer of the District who may be reached at 626-2379. □

School system's own crime is boredom

BY ROCHELLE STANFIELD

THE District school system is boring the students, and that is the crime leading to many of the worst problems in the schools, Jeanne Walton of the D. C. Teachers' Union told a forum on "Freedom and Discipline in the Schools" on January 7.

"The school system has failed," she said. "The students have caught us in our lies."

William J. Saunders, principal of Eastern High School and another member of the panel, said, "In my generation education was considered to be salvation. That has been shown to be a great sham. But it is not the fault of any one cause."

The four-member panel agreed that schools are not relevant to the pupils. Other members of the panel were Susie Morgan, a teacher at Spingarn High School, and Stanley Tillery, a junior at that school. The forum was sponsored by the Capitol East Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union as part of the group's series of public educational meetings, and was held at the Ingram Church, 914 Mass. Ave., N.E.

Tillery called for parents, teachers, students, and the administration to discuss the problems in a meaningful setting. He described a lack of communication on all levels within the schools and suggested that students have a poor image of their teachers. Putting policemen in the schools will accomplish nothing.

"The key to the problem is for teachers to listen," said Miss Morgan. Teachers must take a personal interest in their students and treat them as adults. Teachers don't have enough time to teach because there are so many other things a teacher must do in the classroom.

Saunders said that many students "are not school prone. They got discouraged the first time they set foot in the school door. It's like going to get a tooth pulled. This is a problem of the system."

Several members of the audience suggested that more money for more teachers with higher pay would solve many of the problems. Miss Walton pointed out, "You get more money and you'll do more of the same wrong things. There must be a basic change."

Tillery cited frustrations in implementing new ideas. He worked on a career development program, he said, that was passed by the Board of Education in May -- "and there it lies." High school counselors are too busy with discipline problems to counsel. Not only that, the information they have

on colleges and career opportunities are 10 to 15 years old.

Members of the audience brought up innovations in other cities, such as "schools without walls" and street academies. Some mentioned the New Thing and the Eastern High School Freedom Annex in Washington, but others noted that these were narrowly defined experiments that cost large sums of money and don't affect the basic system.

Saunders cautioned against change for change's sake. "The schools will not serve the needs of the students unless they help them to compete in today's society," he stressed.

Several members of the audience suggested that the students are the ones with the power now. There is a desperate need to make the schools what they should be to avoid a guerilla-like thrust, which many asserted to be the alternative.

Library card drive is launched

THE Capitol East Community Organization has launched its second library card drive. Its initial effort last spring helped to promote interest in Capitol East's library problems and resulted in a significant improvement in the treatment of Capitol East's libraries by the central library administration.

The present drive will continue through Feb. 27 and is aimed at getting Capitol East students to check out and read public library books. CECO will be providing bus tours of the libraries for classrooms desiring to go as a class. Achievement awards will be given classrooms that meet the goals set by CECO.

CECO says the purpose of its drive is four-fold:

- To stimulate the young people of the community to develop an interest in reading books.

- To help gain a familiarity with using the public library.

- To develop community interest in the public libraries.

- To build a stronger identity and bond between public schools, parochial schools and the public library.

For more information on the drive, contact CECO at 547-0630 or 547-1908.

Office building halt sought

THE Southwest Neighborhood Assembly is attempting to stop construction of a 12-story office building, which the Redevelopment Land Agency claims is an apartment building.

At issue is whether office building construction should be permitted in the residential area of Southwest. The urban renewal plan for SW calls for construction of an apartment building on the site in question, which is bounded by 4th, 6th, I and M SW.

The planned building will have 12 stories, 11 of them to be filled with offices, with the top one containing four luxury apartments. According to the RLA, the four living units qualify the structure as an apartment building.

Looks like money for Model Cities

THE Model Cities Program -- which includes a portion of Capitol East -- has received conditional approval from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for one-third the amount requested by the District. The \$3.2 million package does not include the more significant recommendations made by the Model Cities Commission, such as a proposal for economic and housing development corporations.

The part of Capitol East that falls into the Model Cities area is roughly that section north of Mass. & Maryland Aves.

Projects approved included the following:

\$865,000 to set up 10 new day care centers to serve some 200 children.

\$300,000 for a senior citizen center.

\$218,000 for programs run by the Neighborhood Improvement Association of Near NE.

\$30,000 to the Kingman Boys Club.

\$35,000 for a drop-out prevention program.

\$286,000 for a community schools project in lower Shaw.

\$367,000 for store front libraries and bookmobiles.

\$725,000 for job training programs.

\$180,000 for a juvenile delinquency prevention program. (The John Layton Teen Center of Near NE will be one of those involved.)

\$67,500 for an anti-measles program.

News from the SW Neighborhood Assembly

MRS. Henry Reuss has been elected chairman of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly. She is the wife of Rep. Henry Reuss (D - Wisc.) and is active in Washington civic affairs. She succeeds Dr. William Porter.

Other officers elected were Dr. Porter and Miss Shirley Grasty, vice-chairmen; Mrs. Nicholas Tomasulo, secretary; and Mrs. Clara Brewer, secretary.

The Assembly took these other actions at its January meeting:

- Backed the reappointment of Polly Shackleton and Stan Anderson to the City Council.

- Backed the public housing rent strike.

- Postponed plans to hold a salute in honor of Walter Washington. (Mrs. Brewer noted that Washington was not supporting the rent strike and that, "This is no time to be saluting the Mayor.")

- Announced plans for a SW newspaper.

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Meeting on public school projects

ALL of the public school building projects proposed for Ward six for the next three years will be subjected to public scrutiny on Monday, February 9 at 7:30 at Eastern High School.

The meeting was set up at the request of Ward Six School Board member Martha Swaim after Ward Six parents expressed an interest in knowing exactly what new additions and new buildings are planned for this area.

Mrs. Swaim has asked Acting Superintendent Benjamin Henley to provide for this meeting an outline of proposed projects for the ward for fiscal 1970 through 1973 and the population projections on which the projects are based.

She has also asked that the Superintendent provide a brief outline of the possible unused space in the Ward, including the Navy Yard, the D. C. Stadium parking lots, the Congressional Cemetery, and all buildings and land controlled by the D. C. School System but not currently in classroom use.

Mrs. Swaim's proposed agenda includes a discussion, project by project, of the proposals for Ward Six in the following order:

- 1) the Eastern High School renovation
- 2) the proposed renovation of Stuart and Eliot,
- 3) the proposed elementary school projects in near Northeast and near Southeast.

Here's a summary of school construction projects planned for Capitol East in the future. (Date indicates fiscal year in which project is to be completed)

- Payne addition (1971)
- Phelps addition (1971)
- Wilson conversion (1974)
- Buchanan addition (1974)
- Watkins modernization (1974)
- Bryan modernization (1974)
- Young addition and modernization (1974)
- Miner modernization (1974)
- Wheatley modernization (1974)
- Blow-Pierce modernization (1975)

These changes would increase Capitol East classroom capacity by 1700 places by fiscal year 1975.

In addition, the following improvements are proposed for local schools during fiscal year 1971:

- Automatic security devices to be installed at Giddings, Logan, Van Ness, Tyler and Young.
- Replacement of public address systems at Eliot Jr. High.
- New lighting for the Springarn-Phelps Stadium.
- Air conditioning for the administrative area at Wheatley.
- Installation of metal seating at the Eastern Stadium.

Music

THERE will be a gospel music benefit for the Capitol East Community Organization on Feb. 22 from five to ten p. m. at WUST, 9th & V NW. The Majestic Choral Assembly from Baltimore will be featured along with eight top D. C. groups. Donations are \$2.00 in advance or \$2.50 at the door. For tickets contact CECO at 547-0630 or 547-1906.

THERE will be a program of Afro-American music at St. Monica's Church, 1340 Mass. Ave. SE, on Feb. 21 at 2 p. m. to raise money for the Capitol East Community Organization's economic development fund.

Folk Communion

THE Church of the Reformation is cooperating with two other Lutheran Churches to present folk communion services on Feb. 8 and 22 at 4:30 p. m. The services will be followed by light refreshments and a fellowship hour. The Feb. 8 service will be held at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 222 M SW and the Feb. 22 service will be held at First Trinity Lutheran Church, 501 4th NW.

Friendship House

FRIENDSHIP house education committee meeting. This new committee welcomes all community members interested in improving the quality of public education in Capitol East. Thurs. Feb. 12 at 7:30 P. M. Friendship House auditorium, 619 D St., S. E.

Precinct 89

PRECINCT 89 Democrats will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 8 P. M. at Friendship House. Precinct captain Marilyn Nejeski urges all interested Democrats to attend and hear Ward Six School Board member Martha Swaim summarize the status of current education problems in the ward.

Sports

The Region H Boxing Team will fight the Prince George's Boys Club in a boxing exhibition at 7 p. m. Feb. 11 at Hine Rec. Center, 7th & C SE. Info: 393-4577.

CECO meeting

THE Capitol East Community Organization's Delegate Assembly meets Feb. 24 at Holy Comforter School, 15th & East Capitol. 7:30 p. m.

CHAG meeting

THE Capitol Hill Action Group meets Feb. 15 and March 1 at St. Mark's Church, 3rd & A SE, at 8 p. m.

Tax classes

FEDERAL City College has started an income tax institute to aid people in filing their income tax returns. The classes are held on Thursdays from 7 to 9:30 p. m. and on Saturdays from 10 a. m. to noon at the Capitol East Community Organization, 1500 East Capitol St. Persons with gross annual incomes of less than \$9,000 interested in tax assistance should contact Dr. Address Taylor, 628-2852, or Beth Berkeley or Linwood Chatman at 547-0630 or 547-1908.

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City Council Vice-Chairman Sterling Tucker, Friendship House housing advisor Herman Kitchens, and rent strike leader Rev. Chester Thompson (left to right front) talk with public housing maintenance men on a tour of public housing projects. Strikers say the federal government should subsidize public housing and that the proposed National Capital Housing authority rent increase would work an undue hardship upon many tenants. Tucker was shown evidences of poor maintenance in Capitol East public housing projects on the January 2 tour.

News from the Community Improvement Corp.

WILLIAM C. Driscoll, Executive Officer of the Interagency Board of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, has congratulated the Northeast Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) on the "remarkable job" it has done in placing Near Northeast low income residents in jobs and training programs during the past year. As of the end of the third quarter of the year, the CIC employment component had placed 564 persons directly in jobs and another 367 persons in training programs or a total of 931 persons since January. The placement rate for both categories combined is 74% or 3 out of 4 applicants.

The CIC employment component record compares favorably with the Washington Concentrated Employment Program (WCEP). WCEP placed a total of approximately 5,000 persons city-wide between June 1968 and July 1969 at a cost of \$1300 per placee. In only a nine month period the CIC employment component with an average staff of only four people placed nearly 1000 Near Northeast residents at a cost of only \$41 per placee.

The Civil Service statement noted that as a result of these efforts "the manpower of the Near Northeast is in a much better position in the local labor market" and advised CIC to "capture the secret of your success and market it."

CIC Board Chairman Albert Powell attributes the success of the employment component to the fact

that the staff is "cohesive, and works together as a team," and to the policy of the component to specialize in listing jobs from Near Northeast businesses and referring local residents to them. "This is a savings in time and money to the employees because they do not have to go out of the neighborhood for work. It is an asset to the business because local employees stick with local jobs longer and take a protective attitude towards the store," he said.

News from Circle on the Hill

THE education committee of Circle on the Hill needs more volunteers for its Eastern High School project. Six volunteers, who had originally intended to help college bound seniors with the application process, ended up working on a more basic need; verifying records in the senior class guidance offices and interviewing students to make sure they have the required courses and credits for graduation. Only two hours a week from each volunteer would make a big difference. Call Nancy MacRae, 543-3431.

The Committee is also beginning to compile a directory for student use of selected colleges, to avoid having to wade through voluminous college guides. It would like to include names of alumni and alumnae in the area who would be willing to be a phone contact for interested students.

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keeper?' or will we hasten to the place where Tyrone fell and where he now lays buried in North Carolina earth, will we listen and say that we are our brother's keeper? Tyrone was that brother and we lost him.

Since we cannot bring him back we must show how important was his death. Could the students at Hine and Randall make a pact that no guns will pass through these doors again? Could the parents at

Hine who are home during the day or who work an evening shift give two hours a week or more to visiting in the school to help teachers wherever they can?

Can teachers at Hine agree to make attendance records available for each class so that staff and parents can immediately get in touch with the home of a truant student? Will teachers speak out when they see a student who is truant because the school is not providing what he needs?

Will all of us who see a child whom we know should be in school take it on ourselves to ask him or to call the school nearby, or the school attendance office?

Can we adults take on the gun lobby in this area?

On the problem of guns, maybe what we need is a movement--a no-gun movement. How about this sign or bumper sticker to start it off? "Guns Kill-- Clifford, 1969, Perry, 1970. No Guns, D. C. Schools. Hang it up! It's your choice, Man!"

Can we in the school system say that within one year we will move heaven and earth to have a school system in which no junior high school student will want to cut classes?

As a direct measure of our concern to Tyrone's family and his brother and sister, would you yourself contribute to the funds in his memory set up by the D. C. Public Schools? You can do so through Mr. Thompson at Hine or by mailing to Mr. Henly, 415 Twelfth Street, Northwest, Presidential Building, Board of Education, Washington, D. C.

I hope that through all of the different ways that each of us choose to work on the problem of violence in our city, we can make sure that Tyrone Perry's life will not have been given in vain.

Martha S. Swaim
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Feb. 15: "Where is God?"

Discussion of a film in which Dr. Joseph Sittler, Lutheran Theologian at the University of Chicago, discusses some of the ways the work and activities of God may be seen in the world today, and how God may be known by men.

Feb. 22: "Who is Jesus Christ?"

Dr. John Satterwhite, Professor of Wesley Theological Seminary discusses the meaning of Jesus Christ for man today. In the words, language, and thought patterns of today, what is our picture of Christ?

March 1: "Body and Soul"

Professor Daniel Sandstet of Gettysburg Theological Seminary will discuss the Biblical understanding of man, a full and complete humanity, created in God's image. The Bible refuses to dismember man (body, soul, spirit) and always deals with man as a unity. What does this concept mean to us as persons, persons in relation to and with other persons?

Rape

AWARE of the exploitation of black people in the District by capitalistic entrepreneurs, I look with disgust upon the erection of town-houses on a large empty lot in Near Southeast.

Knowing the children of Watkins School, where I happen to teach, and their families would benefit from the erection of moderate-income housing, I can do nothing non-violent except to appeal to the powers-that-be to stop this rape of Near Southeast. It seems to be the subtle intent of real-estate interests to campaign to push out moderate and low-income peoples from the Near Southeast. Nor is the District government without impute, because their silence has given consent. Manifestly, the selfish lobbying of real-estate interests is bearing fruit.

The misuse of this empty lot, that is, its appropriation for the construction of expensive town-houses - is totally irrelevant to the needs of the present Near Southeast community.

This rape is merely one in a long history of events in the area north of Penn. Ave. and inevitably will be followed by countless others, unless the exploiters are overthrown.

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News from Friendship House

THE three teen groups in the Friendship House youth program who decided to sell Christmas trees this past holiday season grossed over \$3000.

The Night Hawks, the Debonaires, and the Young Generation sold almost 900 Christmas trees which they had purchased wholesale with a \$1440 loan from the Friendship House Board of Directors. The trees were sold on two lots leased rent-free from the Park Service and the DC Recreation Department.

The gross receipts covered wages ranging from \$30 to over \$100 to the young people who did the work. About \$300 has been deposited in the treasuries of the youth clubs.

Only ten trees were left on the lots at the close of business on Dec. 24, and these were contributed to the senior citizens at Potomac Gardens.

The Christmas tree venture is one of several economic development projects which are now being emphasized at the house under the leadership of the new director, Thornell Page. It is hoped that the sale of trees will become an annual event and that this kind of business will be the first of many to be developed under Near Southeast Youth, Inc., an umbrella organization which will create training opportunities, jobs and a sense of independence among young people.

Other Friendship House programs in the economic development area include a project at the Ellen Wilson Youth Center. Here a group of girls is running a sweet and sour shop to build up enough capital to expand into the design and making of clothing.

Another group of young people, the Reli-ables, is running a neighborhood clean-up janitorial service and now has enough work to keep six young men busy after school for ten hours each a week.

A group of women in the Friendship House Neighborhood Development program is now sewing, making alterations and made-to-order clothing for area residents.

PROFILE of the director: Thornell Page started life in Dillon, S. C., the second of five children. He grew up and went to high school in Dillon where he was on many of the athletic teams. He went on to Johnson C. Smith University, a liberal arts school in Charlotte, N. C., majoring in history and political science. Graduating in 1954, he put in two years of army duty at Ft. Bragg, where he became an operations officer in the 82nd Airborne Division. With army duty behind him Thornell decided to study law and spent a year in the law school at North Carolina College. During that year he met and married Essie Garner, a fellow student, and at that point the economic realities of married life had to be faced. This meant a job so the Pages moved to Washington where Thornell became a social studies teacher at the Hine Junior High School. One of his Hine



PHOTO BY ROLAND FREEMAN
Thornell Page

colleagues said recently: "He had a beautiful rapport with children. He didn't have disciplinary problems. We hated to see him go." She reflected and then added: "So did the kids." Asked the key to his success she said "I think it was that he knew the children personally -- he understood their problems -- and they knew he meant business. He just could handle kids."

As time has permitted, Mr. Page has been working toward an MA in Educational Supervision and Administration at the University of Maryland. In the past he has been active in the DC Teachers Union, the Democratic Party Steering Committee, the Urban League, the NAACP, the Experiment in International Living. Last summer he was elected a vice president of the Capitol East Community Assembly.

-- from the Friendship House newsletter

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REP. Shirley Chisholm has introduced a resolution that would grant the National Council of Negro Women another four years in which to find money to erect a statue to Mary McLeod Bethune in Lincoln Park. Almost ten years have gone by since the Council was first authorized to proceed with the project. On the other hand, the Council could improve Lincoln Park and further the cause of civil rights less expensively by starting a campaign to remove the patronizing statue of the "Emancipator" (above) currently on guard in the park.

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Capitol East Cooks

. . . *Jerri Douglas*



"I'm suggesting this simple side dish recipe because it's a good buffet item and it's something the children will eat too--even as a dessert!" says Jerri Douglas. "So many times you'll find yourself clipping a recipe from a newspaper that your husband will like, but you know the children won't touch it."

With 3 children, a house and a husband who is constantly on a cross country flight with Public Works division of the Dept. of Commerce, Jerri has decided she still has enough time to chair Market Day, a fund-raising event for Friendship House.

The annual spring event will feature hand crafted items made by D. C. area residents and demonstrations in potting and weaving by Capitol East craftsmen.

SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE

3 lg. sweet potatoes or yams

1 cup brown sugar

1 egg

1 lg. can evaporated milk

15 oz. can crushed pineapple

1/4 tsp. salt

*nutmeg & cinnamon to taste

1/4 cup bourbon

* apple pie spice is good substitute

Pre-cook potatoes and mash. (If you find sweet potatoes are stringy, use an egg beater-it will catch the string.)

Mix all ingredients and put in casserole. Bake at 350° for 45 minutes. Just before serving, top with marshmallows and brown.

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SUGGESTED READING FOR UNDERSTANDING BLACK HISTORY AND LITERATURE: For the younger readers, fourth grade and up.

Time of Trial, Time of Hope, the Negro in America, 1919 to 1941 by Milton Meltzer and August Meier. The authors present a readable account of a minority group as it struggles through a period between two World Wars.

We Shall Live in Peace: the Teachings of Martin Luther King, Jr., edited and with commentary by Deloris Harrison. This compact book records some of Dr. King's speeches and writings with descriptions of the circumstances which inspired the beautiful and stirring words.

Zeely, by Virginia Hamilton. A little girl with an active imagination meets an unusual young lady while visiting her uncle, who lives on a farm.

Dark Venture, by Audrey White Beyer. This is a historical novel with African and New England settings that relates a story of two different people, a slave boy and an American doctor.

Hold Fast to Dreams, Poems Old and New, selected by Arna Bontemps. The poetry collected in this anthology are favorites of Mr. Bontemps; possibly, some of the verses are your favorites, too.

I Am the Darker Brother, an Anthology of Modern Poems, edited by Arnold Adoff. In contrast to the collection of poems by Arna Bontemps, this selection of poems are those written by and about Negro Americans for everyone to read and enjoy.

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CLASSES

POTTERY lessons. Six week session \$30. Children's classes. Eastern Market Pottery. Call, 544-9600.

JOBS AVAILABLE

The Capitol East Housing Council is seeking an individual over 25 years old for the position of director. The duties shall include providing staff assistance to the Council and the non-profit Capitol East Housing Fund, supervising projects and the packaging of houses in Capitol East for resale to lower-income families under the 1968 Housing Act.

No experience is required, but the individual should have some administrative background and experience in real estate, bookkeeping, law or community organization. Residence in the Capitol East area is preferred but not required. Salary: Between \$8,000 and \$12,000 depending on background.

Send resume to: Capitol East Housing Council
Capitol East Housing Council, Director
729 8th Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003

VOLUNTEERS

FRIENDSHIP House needs at least twenty more tutors. Four or five families call each week and we are unable to help them. If you can spare a few hours in the afternoon, you might be able to help a child get a better grasp of the English language. Most of the children who need help are between 8 and 12. Contact Friendship House, 619 D SE, 547-8880.

MISC.

SENIOR Citizens who are interested in a drop-in center and daytime activities may join the program sponsored by the Church of the Reformation, 212 E. Capitol St. Phone 543-4200 for information.

FRIENDSHIP House is badly in need of an adding machine. Any style or working condition would be welcome. Its value is tax deductible. Call Henry Parish at 543-8880.

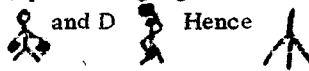
HAROLD Dorland at 722 Maryland Ave., NE has some kindling wood in his front yard, mostly lathes, which is free for the taking.

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A FRIEND was embarrassed the other day to find that, although she's considered herself an avid member of the peace movement for some time, she had proudly emblazoned a Mercedes Benz symbol ☸ on her protest poster instead of the peace symbol: ☮

If you've had the same problem, here's a way (somewhat elaborate, I admit) to keep them straight. Andrew Hamilton, a reporter who has been covering the Defense Department for some time, tells us that the peace symbol was originally developed by the British ~~ban the bomb~~ people who formed the Committee for Nuclear Disarmament. It derives from the two semaphore flag signals which stand for the letters N and D. Hence



The Women's Liberation Movement has decided to start its own medium to get its message across -- a new women's journal called Off Our Backs with a headquarters at 2318 Ashmead Place, NW, DC. 20009. It will come out bi-weekly; the subscription price is \$6 a year.

Existing media have, it seems to me, treated this movement with patronizing humor and have left me with the vague impression that the only women interested in women's rights are wild, unattractive, hysterical creatures. This impression I can't believe is true, yet it prompts me at the moment to steal an Adlai Stevenson quote my husband often uses: "I can believe in God, I just can't believe in Billy Graham."

I think it will be most interesting to read what the movement has to say about the very real issues in its own publication. They are interested in receiving articles and ideas - write to the address above.

I never am made to feel quite so humble as when I am standing before a department store stocking counter. not usually an overly timid type, I am absolutely cowed by the matrons in this department (and in the bra and girdle department for that matter) who tell me that what I painfully chose at that very counter just six months ago as the perfect style, color and shape for me, THEY NEVER HEARD OF. They tell me unsympathetically that it must be they just don't make that type anymore.

Now the whole situation has gotten completely out of hand since the entire stocking industry has been upset by the mini-skirt. As all the manufacturers struggle to come up with the perfect way to keep stockings up without revealing what's keeping them there, we have to make an almost intolerable number of decisions before we can walk away with something to cover our legs.

As usual, it's all perfectly clear to the ladies behind the counter. All they want to know . . . and quickly because there are always six other customers sighing and tapping their charge cards impatiently on the counter . . . is what exactly do you WANT?

First of all, do you want regular hose, panty-hose, detachable girdles with replaceable hose, hiplets, hiphose, or a Tummy Stocking? If you want a detachable girdle, do you want it long or short, with hooks or sticky stuff to do the holding up, white or a color, light weight or heavy?

Then -- do you want agilon, career sheer, cantrese, or softlon; sheer micro, vanilon sheer, opaque, or

micro-mesh? Do you want pattern or plain; demi-toe or barefoot?

Do you want run resistant (they might run the first wearing, but they might not) or run proof (they get big holes, not runs.)

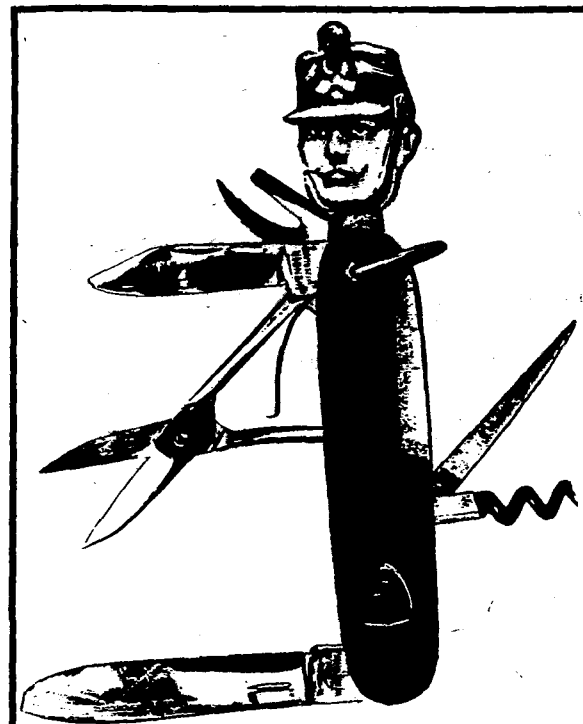
What size -- well, are you short, tall, model, trim or stately? Oh yes, what color -- taupe, soft taupe, rosy dawn, South Pacific, suntan, tawny, black, white, brown, or Barely There?

I guess it is possible for a strong person to go through all this with a certain amount of aplomb, but it doesn't leave much energy for deciding what to fix for supper.

If your filter coffee pot has been standing idle these days for lack of filter paper, you're in luck. You can now find Melita filters in this neighborhood at Len Kirsten's Emporium, 305 Pennsylvania Ave., SE.

Here's a new cause for someone with a lot of extra time: discrimination against Volkswagen buses at automatic car washes. Marianna Gasteyer was turned away by three of them because the bus was too high for their equipment.

If you are looking for a seamstress, try Friendship House. A group of women in the Neighborhood Development Program are prepared to do sewing, alterations, and made to order work. Call 544-1212 to discuss your requirements and get an estimate of the cost.



The Gazette has alot of good points.

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